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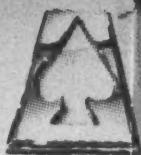
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On with the best.

Cable week proceedings

The Western Show draws some 10,000 to Anaheim as the industry once again has some new things to announce. And the Programming Conference '83 gets tepid reviews from many attendees, even some panelists. **Leading the week, pages 15-26.**

Turner faces operator ire

Ted Turner takes some flack from operators upset by his proposed upward adjustment in rates for his three basic cable services. **Leading the week, pages 15-26.**

New 'A & E' debuts

Art & Entertainment, successor to Hearst/ABC's ARTS, is presented to industry in two formats, on two satellites, with BBC programming as the main new draw. **Leading the week, pages 15-26.**

Showtime/TMC made-fors

Showtime/The Movie Channel plans to plunge aggressively into made-fors, and also to do complementary scheduling between the two pay services. **Leading the week, pages 15-26.**

ACE winners

ACE honors go to HBO, with 18 kudos, followed by Showtime with 12. The (defunct) Entertainment Channel with 7, and ARTS with 6. **Leading the week, pages 15-26.**



Lawrence DeGeorge (Times Fiber), Michael Shaughnessy (Oak-Times Systems Corp.) and Everitt Carter (Oak Industries).

Oak, Times Fiber team up

Oak Communications and Times Fiber Communications partner up to form a joint venture, Oak-Times Systems Corp. to market subscriber control systems to operators. **Leading the week, pages 15-26.**



ACTS plans May launch

The Southern Baptist Convention plans a multimillion dollar entry into cable programming next May with the American Christian Television System (ACTS). **Leading the week, pages 15-26.**

Cablevision on the move

Bravo may be airing in Canada if CRTS approves. SportsVision's Eddie Einhorn grants rights to SportsChannel Chicago in deal with Cablevision Program Enterprises and The Washington Post Co. **Leading the week, pages 15-26.**

Spotlight ends operations

After months of speculation, the four Spotlight partners call it quits. Showtime or The Movie Channel will be offered to current subs. **Leading the week, pages 15-26.**

CCI pitches new ads

The Council for Cable Information talks about an upcoming Madison Avenue image pitch to consumers, using Coca-Cola ads as hints of what's to come. **Page 28.**

GI, TOCOM merge

General Instrument takes over TOCOM in a combo deal involving two of the industry's major hardware suppliers. **Page 47.**

Sting operation at TCI unit

Four arrests have been made with a fifth expected shortly at one of the MSOs California systems. **Page 47.**

About the cover

Kay Koplovitz, president and CEO of USA Network, spoke with *CableVision* News and Features Editor Victor Livingston in this week's *CableVision Plus*. Story on page 34. Photo courtesy of USA Network.

This week in PLUS

Kay Koplovitz's word for the state of things at USA Network is "healthy." In an interview with *Plus* Koplovitz traces USA's growth and changes as the network has headed toward the black—which Koplovitz expects to happen soon. Some adjustments have had to be made with the schedule—including making sports less of a focus, she says. She also adds that USA has flirted with news programming as an option. . . . The cable shakeout will filter down to the program guides soon, guide publishers predict. Guides do have a place in the industry, they stress, but exactly what that place will be is still not clear. And until someone hits upon the magic cable guide formula, the future of programming guides will remain to be seen. **Pages 31-46.**

Cablestats Franchising calendar

This chart examines the franchise status of communities since March 1983.

Arizona

Apache Junction—RFP issued, proposals due 1/4/84 (6,837 homes)

California

Chino—RFP issued proposals due 12/14/83 (12,000 homes)

Claremont—proposals received from Group W and Cablevision of Claremont

awaiting report from consultant 12/83 (9,800 homes)

Commerce—negotiating with KCT Corp. (3,000 homes)

Costa Mesa—negotiating with Cablevision of California, award expected 1/84 (32,637 homes)

Duarte—consultants reviewing proposals from Cable TV West Inc. and KTS Corp.

(7,100 homes)

East San Fernando Valley—award to United Cable 9/16/83 (166,000 homes)

East Yolo—RFP issued 10/11/83, proposals due 11/18/83 (10,000 homes)

La Puente—statements of interest being accepted until 1/30/84 (8,600 homes)

Lamha—award to Colony Communications 9/6/83 (8,137 homes)

Los Altos—RFP issued proposals due 12/12/83 (9,000 homes)

Los Angeles—award to Community Cable Entertainment Services System 9/16/83

(180,000 homes)

Norco—award to Falcon Cable of Riverside 9/21/83 (6,300 homes)

Palo Alto—proposals received from Century Federal, City Cable Partners, Pacific Telephone,

Marsh Media/Public Service Cable and Cable Communications Co-Op of Palo Alto,

awaiting consultants recommendation 12/83 (22,000 homes)

Pasadena—final award to Falcon 5/19/83

Pico Rivera—proposals received from Public Service Cable/Marsh Media, California Cable

Systems Inc. and United Cable Television of Los Angeles, award expected 1/84 (15,500

homes)

Placentia—only proposal submitted by Group W, award expected by 1/84 (1,200 homes)

Sacramento—award to Cablevision Systems 11/22/83 (360,000 homes)

San Gabriel—Falcon Communications sole bidder, award expected 12/83 (11,600 homes)

San Moravia—award to Falcon rescheduled 8/83, beginning process (5,450 homes)

Sunnyvale—refranchising award to Sunnyvale Cable TV (TCI) expected by 2/84 (43,000

homes)

West Covina—award to Falcon Communications (28,000 homes)

Yorba Linda—statements of interest being accepted until 11/30/83 (12,000 homes)

Colorado

Larimer County—award to Cable Systems 8/22/83 (1,500 homes)

Loveand—award to Scripps Howard 9/26/83 (1,000 homes)

Connecticut

Windham, Lebanon, Scotland et al. (cable area 13)—award to Telemedia Company of

NE, Connecticut 7/21/83 (31,137 homes)

District of Columbia

RFP issued, proposals due 2/16/84 (254,000 homes)

Florida

Tierr Verde—award to Centel 8/9/83 (2,000 homes)

Illinois

Chicago—City Council awarded first negotiating rights for each area as follows: Area I to

Cablevision Systems (300,000 homes); Area II to Group W (217,000 homes); Area III to

Group W (193,000 homes); Area IV to Chicago Cable Communications (TCI/Cross

Country joint venture) (226,000 homes); Area V to Continental Cablevision (188,000

homes), award expected by 1/84

Countrywide—preliminary award to Cablevision of Chicago (2,200 homes)

Downer's Grove, Darien—negotiating with Continental Cablevision (6,430 homes)

Elmhurst Park—RFP expected 11/83 (9,500 homes)

Glen Ellyn—award to Group W expected 11/83 (7,000 homes)

Harwood Heights—negotiating with Metroland and Cablevision of Chicago

final award expected by 2/84 (2,000 homes)

Jay—award to Sci Communcations of Springfield 5/83 (220 homes)

Lisle—final award to MultiMedia 5/24/83 (3,300 homes)

Naperville—award to Centel expected 12/83 (17,500 homes)

St. Charles, Geneva—negotiating with Centel, award expected 12/83 (10,000 homes)

South Holland—award to MultiMedia 3/15/83 (1,400 homes)

Villa Park—negotiating with MultiMedia (7,100 homes)

Westmont—(LTV Inc. areas of DuPage County)—final award to Continental Cablevision

4/18/83 (10,000 homes)

Wheaton—negotiating with Centel, award expected by 12/83

Winnetka—decision to have cable has been postponed

Woodbridge—award expected 1/84 (260 homes)

Indiana

Celma—non exclusive award to both Northeastern Indiana Cablevision and

Telecom Services 7/12/83 (800 homes)

Iowa

Cambridge—award to Oak Cable Systems 3/83 (250 homes)

Clearfield—award to Aron Cablevision 9/20/83 (150 homes)

Colo—final award to Oak Cable Systems on 3/7/83 (330 homes)

Logan—award to Aron Cablevision 8/30/83 (200 homes)

Kingsley—award to Satellite Communications 4/12/83 (400 homes)

Murray—award to Aron Cablevision 8/30/83 (280 homes)

Preston—final award to Preston Area Cablevision 6/13/83 (430 homes)

Kentucky

Caloway County—preliminary award to Galaxy Cablevision

Danville—negotiating with RV Cablevision and Communications Systems, award expected

11/83 (12,800 homes)

Groves County—award to Galaxy Cablevision 3/20/83

Fulton—only proposal received from TCI (2,400 homes)

Greenville—Central City and Muhlenburg County—negotiating with TCI, award

expected by 12/83 (13,000 homes)

Henderson County (including Haskett, Spottsville, Graham and Zion)—final award to

Webster Cable TV 10/83

Loretto—RFP issued, proposals due 12/19/83

Mayfield—franchise renewal granted to ATC 9/83 (4,500 homes)

Maine

Harpwell—award to Video Vision 8/18/83 (2,800 homes)

Heron—award to Maine Cable Co. 8/17/83 (1,062 homes)

Maryland

Baltimore—city solicitor negotiated Caltec-Cox deal, mayor plans to re-issue RFP 12/1/83

(302,000 homes)

Carroll County—award to Prestige Cable 10/14/83 (30,000 homes)

Eastern—City Council approved municipal ownership 6/83, construction to start by 11/83

(3,600 homes)

Massachusetts

Acton—final award to Adams-Russell 6/14/83 (4,770 homes)

Ashland—award to Massachusetts Cablevision 7/5/83 (3,082 homes)

Belcherdown—no responses to RFP

Berlin—exploring municipal ownership of cable

Beverly, Dighton, Freetown—RFP issued proposals due 1/12/84

Barnborough—proposals submitted by Nashoba Communications and Adams-Russell (3,100

homes)

Baylston—proposals received from Greater Worcester Cablevision and Baylston

Municipal Light Co., award expected 1/84 (1,200 homes)

Brantree—franchise awarded to Adams-Russell 4/83 (10,000 homes)

Cambridge—public referendum on municipal ownership passed, expect RFP issuance 3/84

(43,000 homes)

Cohasset—award to American Cable Systems 3/16/83 (2,397 homes)

Dedham—preliminary award to Bay Cable TV

East Bridgewater—preliminary award to Campbell Communications 4/83 (2,500 homes)

Easton—preliminary award to Continental Cablevision, final award expected

by 12/83

Grafton—RFP issued, proposals due 1/17/84

Hamilton and Wrentham—proposals received from Continental Cablevision, Rollins and

Prestige Cable TV, final recommendation 12/83 (2,300 homes)

Hanson—award to Continental Cablevision 3/22/82

Hingham—award to American Cable Systems 7/14/83 (6,323 homes)

Holden—preliminary award to Greater Worcester Cablevision (4,000 homes)

Holliston—preliminary award to Massachusetts Cablevision Systems Inc.

(3,922 homes)

Hopedale—award to Massachusetts Cable Systems Inc. 6/1/83 (1,200 homes)

Lancaster—final award to Wachusett Cablevision of Clinton, Mass. 6/15/83

(4,000 homes)

Lincoln—proposals received from Adams-Russell, New Communications Corp. and

Tele-Communications Inc., preliminary award expected 1/84 (1,700 homes)

Marblehead—restarting franchising process

Marshfield—final award to Greater Southshore Cablevision 6/83 (10,000 homes)

Medford—only proposal from Massachusetts Cablevision (3,400 homes)

Medway—final award to Massachusetts Cablevision Systems 4/83 (3,000 homes)

Mendon—restarting franchise process (1,200 homes)

Middleborough—proposals from Middleborough Gas & Electric, Continental Cablevision

and Campbell Cable Systems

Nahant—only proposal from Warner Amex, no action until summer 1984 (1,433 homes)

Needham—final award to Continental Cablevision 5/5/83 (8,700 homes)

Norfolk—only proposal from Massachusetts Cable (1,800 homes)

Norwell—award to American Cable Systems 3/83 (2,760 homes)

Pembroke—award to Campbell Communications 10/83 (3,500 homes)

Pepperell—award to United Cablevision of Connecticut 10/11/83 (2,800 homes)

Plymouth—only proposal submitted to Campbell Communications

Rowley—award to Newburyport Cable TV 4/83 (1,300 homes)

Sandwich—RFP issued, proposals due 11/28/83 (5,000 homes)

Seekonk—proposals received from Prestige Cablevision, Massachusetts Cablevision Systems,

Rollins, Inland Bay Cable, Cable TV of East Providence, Seekonk Cablevision and

Seekonk Cable TV (6,000 homes)

Shirley—RFP issued, proposals due 2/3/84 (1,827 homes)

Shrewsbury—final award to Shrewsbury Electric Light (8,500 homes)

Southborough—RFP issued, proposals due 1/19/84

Sterling—proposals received from Wachusett Cablevision and Sterling Electric Light Co.

Stow—only proposal received from Adams-Russell (1,600 homes)

Sudbury—award to Adams-Russell 3/23/83 (4,200 homes)

Townsend—preliminary award to Nashoba Communications (2,306 homes)

Upton—only proposal received from Warner Cablevision Inc. (1,400 homes)

Worcester—preliminary award to Massachusetts Cablevision appealed by Adams-Russell

(5,676 homes)

Waltham—award to Waltham Telecommunications (TCI) 5/17/83 (18,000 homes)

Wayland—proposals under review (3,500 homes)

Wellesley—awarded to Continental Cablevision of Boston 5/31/83 (8,000 homes)

West Bridgewater—Continental Cablevision received recommendation (2,000 homes)

Westminster—negotiating with Adams-Russell (1,000 homes)

Weston—RFP issued, proposals due 1/12/84

Westport—preliminary award to United Cablevision Funding appealed by Westport Cable

Television (5,500 homes)

Michigan

Bloomfield Township, Farmfield Hills—award to Booth Communications 9/12/83

(15,000 homes)

Clarkston—final award to Multi-Cablevision 3/29/83 (7,200 homes)

Dearborn Heights—final award to Continental Cablevision 4/12/83 (23,000 homes)

Detroit—award to Borden (471,000 homes)

Homer Township—RFP issued proposals due 10/24/83

Jerome Township—award to Whitney Cablevision

Lake Orion, Orion Township—statements of interest being accepted until 2/1/84 (7,800

homes)

Monroe—City Council awarded franchise to Communication and Cablevision Inc. to

complete with existing franchised cable system, Monroe Cablevision

Romeo—final award to Harmon 6/83 (1,000 homes)

West Bloomfield, Kearsley, Orchard Lake, Sylva Lake—negotiating with Continental

Cablevision (16,437 homes)

West Oakland County—award to Greater Media 11/23/83 (32,581 homes)

Westland—only proposal from Continental Cablevision (29,000 homes)

Minnesota

Acton, Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park, Denmark, Grey Cloud, Newport, Woodbury (South

Washington County Cable Commission)—telephone and Data Systems is sole bidder,

award expected 12/83 (12,064 homes)

Albertville, St. Michael—award to Carlos Padraja 10/83 (637 homes)

Arlington, Gaylord, Winthrop, Gibson, Green Isle—award to Dowden Communications

9/83 (2,568 homes)

Arlington—award to Arma Communications 8/83 (463 homes)

Belle Plaine, Le Center, Le Sueur, Lonsdale, Monticello, New Prague—expect RFP to be

issued 11/83 (5,227 homes)

Big Lake, Buffalo, Cokato, Dassel, Delano, Elk River, Monticello, Rockford, Watertown, Maple

Lake—RFP issued, proposals due 1/11/84

Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Coon Rapids, Lexington, Ham Lake, Spring Lake Park (North

Central, Suburban Cable Communications Commission)—award to Group W

9/83 (21,191 homes)

Brooklyn—award to Arma Communications 8/83 (297 homes)

Burnsville, Eagan—final award to Group W 7/8/83 (12,849 homes)

Chanhassen, Carver County and Hennepin County—proposals received from CSI

Combined Cable and Dowden Communications, award expected 12/83

Clarksfield—award to Desautel Cablevision 10/83 (475 homes)

Deer River—award to Deer River Tel. Co. 9/83 (373 homes)

Dodge Center—award to Dowden Communications 9/83 (700 homes)

Eagan—see Burnsville

Eagle Bend—award to Parker's Prairie Tel. Co. 9/83 (517 homes)

Fisher—award to Ada Cable 7/83 (163 homes)

Foxa—award to Vestel Communications 10/83 (575 homes)

Forest Lake, Forest Lake Township, Columbus Township, Scandia Township—award to

Citation Cable 11/83 (5,619 homes)

Grand Marais—award to Cable-Ton 9/9/83

Grove City—award to Arma Communications 8/83 (248 homes)

Hendrix—award to Ada Cable 8/83 (147 homes)

Heron Lake—award to Bell Electronics 10/83 (313 homes)

Janesville—final award to Dowden 7/8/83 (700 homes)

Lewiston—award to TeleCommunications 10/83 (475 homes)

Maple Plain—beginning process (461 homes)

Menasha—award to West Central Tel. Co. 8/83 (467 homes)

Minneapolis—Storer in north sold to Rogers in south 8/83 (170,000 homes)

Minnetonka, Spring Park, Shorewood, Medina, St. Bonifacius, Excelsior, Deephaven,

Woodland, Victoria, Tonka Bay, Orono, Minnetonka Beach, Greenwood, Long Lake

(Lake Minnetonka Cable Communications Commission)—proposals received from

Cable stats

Dowden, Communication Systems and Combined Cable, award expected 12/83 (11,682 homes)
 Mount—award to Dowden 3/22/83 (3,600 homes)
 New Richmond—award to Westel Communications 10/83 (503 homes)
 Northfield—negotiating with Nor Com Video, award expected 12/83 (4,416 homes)
 North St. Paul, Birchwood, Dellwood, Gem Lake, Grant Township, Lake Elmo, Landolfi, Mahomed, Maplewood, Oakdale, Pine Springs, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake, White Bear Twp., Witherby—final award to Group W 5/13/83 (33,566 homes)
 Oakport Township—award to Spectrum Communications 10/83 (200 homes)
 Okeee—award to Garden Valley Tel. Co. 10/83 (242 homes)
 Parker's Prairie—award to Mid-West Tel. Co. 10/83 (400 homes)
 St. James—award to Dowden 5/83 (1,820 homes)
 St. Paul—award to Continental 11/10/83 (111,000 homes)
 Savage—assessing needs for cable
 Stillwater, Boyport, Oak Park Heights (Central St. City Valley area)—award to telephone and Data Systems 8/12/83 (6,000 homes)
 Trimont—award to Temi Tel. Co. 10/83 (351 homes)
 Wabasso—award to Star Gazers 10/83 (301 homes)
 Waconia—beginning process (1,024 homes)
 Watertown—beginning process (700 homes)
 Wayzata—award to Dowden Communications (1,800 homes)
 West St. Paul—RFP re-issued, proposals due 12/12/83 (24,032 homes)
 Windom—considering municipal ownership (1,600 homes)

Missouri
 St. Louis—proposals from Archway Cablevision, St. Louis City Communications and SIC Cablevision Partners, award expected 2/84 (178,000 homes)

Nebraska
 Kearney—non-exclusive franchise awarded to Kearney Cablevision 4/83 (700 homes)

Nevada
 Henderson and Clark County—non-exclusive franchise awarded to Misco Cable TV 5/2/83

New Hampshire
 Atkinson—award to Harron Communications 5/25/83 (1,500 homes)
 Hampstead—final award to Rockingham Cablevision (1,500 homes)
 Manchester—no proposals submitted by deadline
 Newton—proposal deadline extended until 12/12/83
 Pelham—negotiating with Harron Communications, award expected 1/84 (2,500 homes)
 Sandown—RFP issued, no responses received (800 homes)
 Windham—award to Harron Communications 5/83 (2,000 homes)
 Wolfeboro—negotiating with Community TV, award expected by 12/83 (833 homes)

New Jersey
 Jersey City—determining cable options
 Patterson—plans municipal ownership, seeking bids for construction 12/83 (55,000 homes)

New York
 Beekman—Dutchess County Cablevision submitted only proposal (2,100 homes)
 Cherry Valley—final award to EchoStar 4/83 (250 homes)
 Honeoye—award to Honeoye Cable 4/5/83 (500 homes)
 Mayville—negotiating with U.S. Cable (5,430 homes)
 Mt. Upton—NewChannels has applied for non-exclusive franchise, award expected 1/84
 New York City—final award to CATV Support Services 6/30/83, Warner Amer.—Western Brooklyn
 Northern Queens, Cablevision Systems—Eastern Brooklyn, Bronx, Cox Cable—Staten Island, Vision Cable—Northeastern Staten Island, AIC—areas of Queens, Queens Inner Unity Cable—Southern Queens
 North Salem—negotiating with Community Cable Services (1,100 homes)
 Norwich—NewChannels withdrew application, exploring other alternatives (100 homes)
 Portland—negotiating with Tribune Cable (150 homes)
 Tully—award to NewChannels 8/29/83
 Union Vale—only proposal from Consolidated Communication (775 homes)

North Carolina
 Burke County—award to Cable TV Support Services 4/5/83 (10,000 homes)
 Edgecombe County—final award to Tar River Cable Television 4/5/83 (4,000 homes)
 Glen Alpine—final award to CATV Support Services 5/12/83 (300 homes)
 Harnett County—award to Univision Cable Systems 2/83
 Jackson—drafting RFP (400 homes)
 Pamlico County—award to Kounty Cablevision 10/17/83 (4,000 homes)

Ohio
 Avon—statements of interest being accepted until 11/22/83
 Batavia Township—award to So-Comm 9/20/83 (4,000 homes)
 Bethel—award to Cable Management Group 9/19/83 (1,200 homes)
 Brooklyn—municipal ownership under consideration (4,000 homes)
 Cleveland—city still deliberating municipal versus private ownership

Garfield Heights—award to Space Cable 9/23/83 (12,000 homes)
 Lakewood—deliberating municipal versus private ownership
 Oberlin—proposals from Oberlin Cable Co-Op and Grafton Cable, awaiting consultants report (2,600 homes)
 Quincy—final award granted to Cable Management Group 8/83 (250 homes)
 Racine—final award to International Communications 5/2/83
 Russell—award to Cablevision of Geauga 9/14/83 (1,500 homes)

Oregon
 Amity—negotiating with Eagle Cable Systems Inc. (400 homes)
 Canby—final award to Canby Cablevision 5/83 (2,500 homes)
 Cottage Grove—award to McCow Communications (2,500 homes)
 Dunthorpe—negotiating with Liberty Communications (IC) (507 homes)
 East Multnomah County—final award to Rogers UA Cablevision, 4/7/83 (80,000 homes)
 Milwaukie—final award to Tribune Cable 5/3/83 (7,500 homes)
 Sylvan—negotiating with Liberty Communications (IC) (1,200 homes)

Pennsylvania
 Franklin Township—preliminary award to Scotcom Cable, award expected 11/83
 Paradise Township—final award to Hanover Cable TV 7/5/83
 Philadelphia—city is divided into four areas with proposals submitted as follows: Area 1—Greater Philadelphia Cablevision and Independence Cable of Philadelphia; Area 2—Independence Cablevision, Wade Communications and Philadelphia Inner City Cablevision; Area 3—Rollins Cablevision, Independence Cablevision, Cox Cable and Comcast Communications; Area 4—Rollins Cablevision, Comcast Communications and Cablevision Systems, award expected 12/83 (each area has 155,000 homes)
 Versailles Township—final award to Harco 4/83 (200 homes)

Rhode Island
 Newport (Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Little Compton)—reviewing proposals (29,500 homes)

Texas
 Abilene—proposals received from Telstar and Southern Cablevision Corp. (2,200 homes)
 Joshua—franchise awarded to Alencom 4/83 (610 homes)
 Plano—award to TeleCable 8/83 (30,000 homes)
 Richardson—award to TeleCable 3/83 (23,082 homes)

Virginia
 Berryville, Clarke County—proposal from Mid Atlantic Network under review, award expected by 1/84
 Dinwiddie County—award to Crater General Communications 11/2/83
 Fairfax City—award to Media General 6/14/83 (6,500 homes)
 Hanover County—award to Continental Cablevision 5/25/83 (5,600 homes)
 Loudoun County—final award to Cable Communications 4/18/83 (11,500 homes)
 Manassas—beginning feasibility study (5,510 homes)
 Manassas Park—final award to Manassas Park Cablevision 5/83 (1,931 homes)
 Suffolk—proposals received from First Carolina Communications, Hampton Roads Cablevision, Suffolk Cablevision and Suffolk Cable Communications, awaiting report from consultant 1/84 (16,697 homes)

Washington
 Battle Ground—negotiating with Cox Cable Communications, award expected 1/84 (1,000 homes)
 Granger, Lappish, Wapato, Zillah—award to McCow Communications 9/83 (5,300 homes)
 Hotline—final award to Broadcast Services Inc. 3/83
 Lakebay—final award to Lakebay TV Cable 6/20/83 (500 homes)

Wisconsin
 Hayward—no bids submitted (1,000 homes)
 Hudson—award to telephone and Data Systems 11/21/83
 Hustford—negotiating with Cable Communications Corp. (350 homes)
 Iola—award to Dowden Communications 7/83 (385 homes)
 Johnson Creek—award to International of Milwaukee 9/83 (400 homes)
 Kenosha—final award to Total TV 7/5/83 (29,500 homes)
 Milwaukee—final award to Warner Amer. 5/5/83 (253,000 homes)
 New Glarus—proposals received from Richard Gail and Telephone and Data Systems, award expected by 1/84 (675 homes)
 Spring Green, Spring Green Township, Plain Area, Lone Rock—award to Kaul-Itronics Inc. 7/27/83 (400 homes)
 Watertown—proposals received from Total TV, Ingersoll and Calvin Moen (600 homes)

Wyoming
 Gillette—negotiating with Westel (7,500 homes)

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Franchising in the top 50 markets

Rank	Market	Status of core city	Rank	Market	Status of core city	Rank	Market	Status of core city
1	New York	Manhattan—2-OP; outer boroughs 8-FG	22	Indianapolis	Two systems: OP	44	Salt Lake City	OP
2	Los Angeles	City is divided into 14 areas (A-N); 10-OP, 2-UC, 2-FG	23	Portland	Three systems: OP	45	San Antonio	OP
3	Chicago	City is divided into five areas, FG	24	Phoenix	Three systems: OP	46	Charleston	OP
4	Philadelphia	City is divided into N, S, E, W-F; additional area in S-OP	25	Hartford	Two systems: OP	47	Huntington	Two systems: OP
5	San Francisco	OP (system to be upgraded)	26	New Haven	OP	48	Norfolk/Newport News/New Hampshire/Hartsmouth	Four systems: OP
6	Boston	OP	27	Cincinnati	Two systems: OP	49	Harrisburg/York/Lebanon/Lancaster	Four systems: OP
7	Detroit	FG	28	San Diego	OP	50	Villages/Battle Creek	Two systems: OP
8	Washington, D.C.	OP	29	Kansas City	UC			
9	Cleveland	OP	30	Milwaukee	OP			
10	Dallas/Ft. Worth	Two systems: OP	31	Nashville	OP			
11	Houston	Two systems: OP	32	Charlotte	OP			
12	Pittsburgh	OP	33	Buffalo	OP			
13	Miami	OP	34	Providence	OP/OP			
14	Seattle/Tacoma	City is divided into five parts (4-OP, 1-BP), Tacoma-OP	35	New Bedford	OP/OP			
15	Minneapolis	OP/IG	36	Orlando	Two systems: OP			
16	Atlanta	OP	37	Daytona Beach	OP			
17	St. Louis	OP	38	New Orleans	OP			
18	Tampa	OP	39	Memphis	Four systems: OP			
19	St. Petersburg	UC/OP	40	Columbus	Three systems: OP			
20	Denver	OP	41	Greenville/Asheville/Spartanburg	Three systems: OP			
21	Baltimore	OP	42	Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo/Battle Creek	Three systems: OP			
22	Sacramento/Stockton	FG/OP	43	Birmingham	OP			
			44	Raleigh/Durham	Two systems: OP			
			45	Oklahoma City	Two systems: OP			
			46	Louisville	Two systems: OP			

Legend

OP—operational
 UC—under construction
 FG—final franchise award
 BP—franchise pending
 OP—request for proposal issued
 BP—beginning process

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